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WINNERS AND LOSERS IN RESTRUCTURING TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR A COMPETITIVE ERA: CANADIAN AND US PERSPECTIVES

In addition to providing access to basic legal documents - the Greene Opinion, the CRTC Report on the Bell Reorganization and Bill C-20 - these materials are designed to provide a "feel" for the massive change which is underway in the telecommunications industry. Such broader understanding is an essential pre-requisite to effective legal representation.

When reading these pages consider:

(a) How effective are legal institutions in a period of rapid technological change?

(b) What are the relative institutional competences of legislatures, executives and courts?

(c) To what extent do differences between developments in the two countries reflect differing national value preferences?

(d) To what extent has change been technologically or ideologically driven?

(e) Do these readings reflect but the ruffled surface texture of some deeper policy or has no coherent plan emerged to replace the genius of Vail?

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